

**City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture
FY2004 Neighborhood Arts Program**

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The Voices Project

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Description: The Voices Project is an ongoing collaboration between artists, San Diego residents, museums and community partners to use photography, video, sound and writing to communicate and address the issues faced by southeastern San Diego teenagers, their families, and their communities. During the 2004 program, 60 youth (14-18) will participate in one of four 48 hour intensive digital imaging workshops and 20 adults will participate in one of two 12 hour workshops. Participants' work will be exhibited at two museums/community organizations at the end of the program.

Bayside Community Center

Multi-Cultural Arts Project

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Description: Artists from the Hmong, Thai, Mexican, Chinese and Hawaiian cultures will provide instruction in their cultures. Students will develop a mural of symbols and art of the cultures of Linda Vista – and develop an appreciation for their own and other cultures. The awareness will provide for greater social capital within Linda Vista and pride in the cultures of the area.

Harmonium, Inc.

Music Industry Institute

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Description: The Music Industry Institute, located at the San Diego Regional Teen Center, provides more than 600 teens a place to practice, produce, perform and promote their music. This project provides training for teens in a range of music industry areas, including instrument lessons, vocals, songwriting, DJing, dance, recording studio engineering, computer music production, events management, managing a record label, promotions and artist management. Teens have the opportunity to work in real music industry businesses as managers of the teen center's recording studio, an all-ages concert venue attended by 30,000 teens each year, and the new Epicentre record label.

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La Jolla Music Society

Community Music Center

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Description: The Community Music Center provides arts and culture education to an ethnically diverse group of disadvantaged youth in Southcrest, Barrio Logan and City Heights in a safe, nurturing after-school program. The program allows students and artists/instructors to interact in a meaningful, long-term manner while fostering community cohesion, improving family communication and pride, and building important personal and behavioral characteristics in youth.

Media Arts Center

Teen Producers Project

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Description: The Teen Producers Project is a multi-faceted after-school media arts education project established in 2001. The project takes place at Mercado Apartments in Barrio Logan and at the President John Adams Manor housing complex in Oak Park. Activities include youth media literacy workshops, family screenings of youth-produced works, guest media artist instructors, distribution of teen video works, and access to digital video camera and editing equipment.

San Diego Young Artists Music Academy, Inc.

Stepping Stones to Careers in Music

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Description: The project will support community outreach to encourage new children in Southeast San Diego to join the San Diego Young Artists Music Academy community choir and orchestra and the continued participation of the choir, dance and orchestra groups for their involvement in musical events.

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Street of Dreams

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Description: Street of Dreams is an after-school song writing, poetry and video production workshop designed to build self-confidence and a positive self-image through creative writing, musical expression, and performance skills, while at the same time developing a sense of hope, trust, inspiration and community among the participants in the program. The project culminates in the recording of a music CD, incorporating songs and poetry written by the participants, as well as a book of poetry and a music video. Five professional musicians, a local recording studio, a local digital arts company, and a local web design company all combine to provide their talents and expertise for the project.
